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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A micro connector comprising an insulator holding a lever, a printed circuit board which has a plurality of micro contacting ~~terminals~~ pieces at a back surface thereof and an FPC cable which has a plurality of micro contacting ~~pieces~~ terminals in an end thereof, wherein said insulator guides said FPC cable to translate along said printed circuit board to permit the FPC cable to be connected directly to the printed circuit board thereby reducing the size of the micro connector.

2. (currently amended) A micro connector according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of micro contacting terminals contact directly to said micro contacting pieces.

3. (currently amended) A micro connector according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of micro contacting terminals and said micro contacting pieces has an arch cross sectional shape to define salient contact edges that are adapted to elastically deform when said micro contacting terminals contact said micro contacting pieces.

4. (currently amended) A micro connector according to Claim 2, wherein said plurality of micro contacting ~~terminals~~ pieces has an arch cross sectional shape ~~at contacting surface to~~ said micro contacting ~~pieces~~ terminals.

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5. (original) A manufacturing method for a micro connector according to Claim 1 including a first process for UV lithograph using thick photo resin and a second step for micro plating process.

6. (new) The micro connector according to Claim 1, wherein said FPC cable lies directly against said printed circuit board.

7. (new) The micro connector according to Claim 1, wherein said insulator comprises sidewall directly engaging said printed circuit board to leave said plurality of micro contacting pieces on the printed circuit board exposed, said FPC cable being inserted between said sidewalls and directly against said printed circuit board.